the rural post office of Nalanda District of Bihar alleging involvement of the Superintendent of Post Offices and the Inspector of Post-Office;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Appointment made by Inspector Post Offices for ID Packer, Karai-Parsurai in Nalanda was cancelled on 25.7.1990 and fresh appointment ordered. Inspector Post Offices, Hilsa Division was transferred from there and all other appointments made by him were ordered to be reviewed. Further enquiry into the allegations is in progress.

Inquiry into deficiencies in the functioning of Doordarshan

1702. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by Government to inquire into the irregularities in maintaining account of commercial telecasts, improper categorisation of telecasts, running of "freedom run" programmes without authority, by Doordarshan as pointed out by the C&AG in a recent report; and

(b) what action is contemplated by Government to remove the deficiencies in the functioning of Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Doordarshan Commercial Service has been received by the Government very recently and the report, including the matter raised in the question, is under examination by the Government.

Import of Chinese arms by Nepal

1703. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Nepal during his last visit to India assured that Nepal will not import arms from China; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that on return of the Prime Minister to Nepal the arms consignment had arrived from China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Before his visit to India from June 8-10-1990, Prime Minister K. P. Bhattarai of Nepal reportedly told journalists in Kathmandu that the last consignment of arms from China to Nepal would be indefinitely deferred.

(b) After his return to Nepal, this last consignment of arms from China reportedly reached Nepal.

Expenses of ministers

1704. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on each Minister towards travelling, telephone, housing, water, power, entertainment and other "out

of pocket" allowances since December last;

(b) what are the guidelines or rules governing such expenditure; and

(c) the number of Ministers who have discretionary fund at their disposal; what is the total allocation and how much spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Request of Indian Muslim Youth Conference

1705. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Indian Muslim Youth Conference has urged the Central Government to arrest the Imam of Jama Masjid, Delhi for his anti-national and communal activities as reported in the Hindustan Times of June 14, 1990; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news report. The allegations referred to in the report have not been substantiated.

TV exchange programme with neighbouring countries

1706. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any decision has been taken by Government in the recent past on a more meaningful TV exchange programme with the neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) There already exists a TV Exchange Programme christened 'SAARC' Audio-Visual Exchange Programme' under an agreement amongst the South Asian Association of Regional Countries (SAARC) consisting of Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives and India. This programme aims at fostering better understanding amongst the peoples of the member countries and involves telecast of programmes, received under the agreement, by member countries on the first of each month.

National integration programmes on the AIR/Doordarshan

1707. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the last nine months to promote national integration on the AIR/Doordarshan; and

(b) the time that was devoted for these programmes in the first six months of the current year and how does this compare with the figures of last year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A large number of programmes, in various formats, have been mounted by All India Radio and Doordarshan during the last nine months to promote national integration; and